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SUBJ: INDIAN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN THE BAY OF BENGAL.

1. WE TALKED TO ALBERT MCKAY, THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NATOMAS OF INDIA, INC., THE AMERICAN OIL COMPANY THAT HAS AN INDIAN CONCESSION IN THE BAY OF BENGAL, ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF THE UNDEMARCATED BORDER BETWEEN INDIAN AND BANGLADESH IN THE BAY OF BENGAL. MCKAYIRAYS THAT A POTENTIAL PROBLEM EXISTS, BUT HE THINKS THERE ARE ENOUGH HOPEFUL AREAS CLEARLY WITHIN INDISPUTEDLY INDIAN WATERS SO THAT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. HE CONFIRMS THAT A PORTION OF NATOMAS CONCESSION MAY BE IN BANGLADESH WHILE A PART OF ASHLAND'S BANGLADESH CONCESSION MAY BE IN INDIA.

2. HE SAYS THAT NATOMAS SHOULD BE READY TO DRILL TEST WELLS BEFORE THE END OF 1975. THE FIRM HAS NOT YET STARTED TO SEARCH FOR A DRILL SHIP BECAUSE HE DOESN'T YET KNOW WHAT KIND IS NEEDED. THE WATER DEPTHS IN THE PRO-

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MISING AREAS RANGE BETWEEN 20 FEET AND 600 FEET.

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